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KENT COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT



Date: April 5, 2016

Complaint Number: 16-116521

Type of Incident: Death Investigation

Location: 400 Block of 68th Street S.W., Byron Township

Detective: Aron Bowser

Supervisor Approval: Lt. Ron Gates

On Tuesday, April 5, 2016, a deceased male was found partially submerged in Buck Creek by a person walking near the railroad tracks south of 68th Street and East of Christmas Lane S.W. in Byron Township. An autopsy was completed and there were no signs of injuries or foul play.

The victim was identified as James William Hoffmann, 62 years old, who was currently homeless and believed to be staying in the area.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Kent County Sheriff Department at 616-632-6125 or Silent Observer at 616-774-2345.